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REMARKS

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 16, 2003. Therein the Examiner indicated that the above-captioned patent application contains four different inventions defined by Groups I-IV:

Group I consisting of claims 1-8 and 15, drawn to a plasmid having an integrase gene, an integrase control region and an integrase recognition region, a "transformant" that is a cell having the plasmid, and a method of making a substance using cells having the plasmid.

Group II consisting of claims 8-10, drawn to a "transformant" that is a transgenic animal having a plasmid having an integrase gene, an integrase control region and an integrase recognition region.

Group III consisting of claims 11-14, drawn to a method of making a bird using a plasmid having an integrase gene, an integrase control region and an integrase recognition region.

Group IV consisting of claims 16, 17, and 18, drawn to a method of making a substance by injecting a plasmid having an integrase gene, an integrase control region and an integrase recognition region into a bird embryo or bird primordial germ cells (PGCs) and obtaining a transgenic bird.

The Examiner required an election of the invention to be Examined. In response to the Requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, which is drawn to a method and is embodied by the claims 1-8 and 15. The election is made without traverse. Further, upon allowance of the Group I claims, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of the Group IV claims which are dependent on the Group I claims.

Conclusion

If any clarification is needed, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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